

House Resolution No. 1783

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Karen M. LaFever, an esteemed resident of St. Ann, Missouri, who has distinguished herself as a proud recipient of the 2003 Milken National Educator Award; and

Whereas, Karen LaFever was one of one hundred exceptional K-12 educators from forty-seven states and the District of Columbia to receive the Milken National Educator Award, which includes an unrestricted individual award of \$25,000 and an invitation to attend the annual Milken National Education Conference to be held May 4-6, 2004, in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, Karen LaFever has played an integral role in the educational development of countless Missouri youngsters as an eighth grade science teacher with the Parkway School District in Chesterfield for twelve years, prior to which time she found teaching opportunities at Columbia College from 1996 to 1998, and St. Richard, Our Lady of Good Counsel from 1990 to 1992; and

Whereas, throughout her impressive tenure with the Parkway School District, Karen LaFever has served as Yearbook Advisor at Parkway Northeast and Central Middle School, member of the Student Assessment and Professional Development committees, and Coordinator of Parkway Northeast's Peer Tutoring, Serve Our School, and Science clubs; and

Whereas, an adjunct faculty member at the St. Louis and Pacific branches of Columbia College, Karen LaFever received her Master's degree in Education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1994; and

Whereas, a 2001-2002 Christa McAuliffe Fellow, Karen LaFever is the proud recipient of several awards and honors including the 1998 Technology Teacher of the Year award, 1998 Parkway Northeast Middle School Teacher of the Year award, and the 1996 Education's Unsung Heroes Award; and

Whereas, listed in Who's Who Among American Teachers, Karen LaFever is exceedingly proud of the important role she played as a member of Biotechnology Activities in Science Education:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Karen LaFever upon her most worthy receipt of the 2003 Milken National Educator Award, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Karen LaFever.

Offered by _____
Representative Jane Cunningham
District No. 86

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1783, adopted April 15, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker